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POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION HANDLING SYSTEMS

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APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

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At each decision milestone, guidance and direction to the program are documented.

At any point at which a major program deviation in cost or schedule goals of more than 10 percent is estimated, the IHSA will be notified.

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- Be designated the individual for the Agency to assure that architecture is either in compliance with Government-wide standards and f. procedures or that variations have senior management approval. Included is assuring Agency compliance with Federal Information Processing Standards and granting waivers to these in accordance with delegated authorities and specified procedures.

Harry E. Fitzwater Deputy Director for Administration

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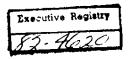
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FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater

Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Proposed Policy and Procedures for Management

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- 2. When the notice was initially circulated for comment in September 1981, the only concern raised was by C/IMS/DO who suggested that the notice might be premature for issuance at this time. Recently when the notice was about to be published the following comments were offered:
 - a. The C/IMS/DO does not concur-believes the notice will confuse management responsibilities and unreasonably increase administrative overhead.
 - b. Procedures and documentation requirements incur too much overhead, particularly for smaller systems (DO, DS&T, and ODP).
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 - d. Exclusions were requested for hardware systems, research systems, and embedded systems (DS&T and ODP).

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- 4. In accordance with the decision made at the Executive Committee meeting on 24 July 1981, I request your approval to publish the notice now without further coordination and also ask your approval to raise the threshold limits as proposed in paragraph 3 above.

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/S/ John N. McMahon

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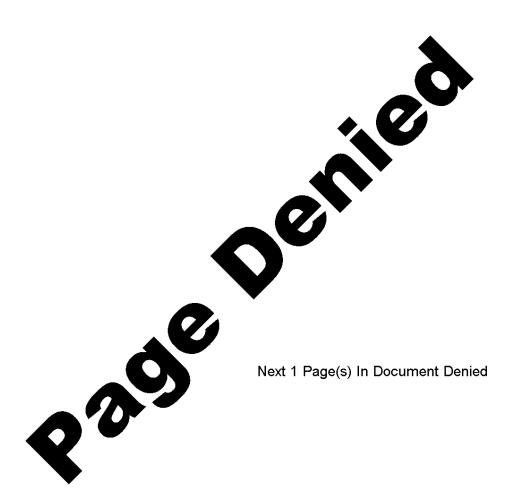
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FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater

Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Policy and Procedures for Management of Information Handling Systems

- 1. The subject notice was distributed to the Directorates for review recently. The substance of the comments are as follows:
 - a. The DO does not concur believes the notice will confuse management responsibilities and unreasonably increase administrative overhead.
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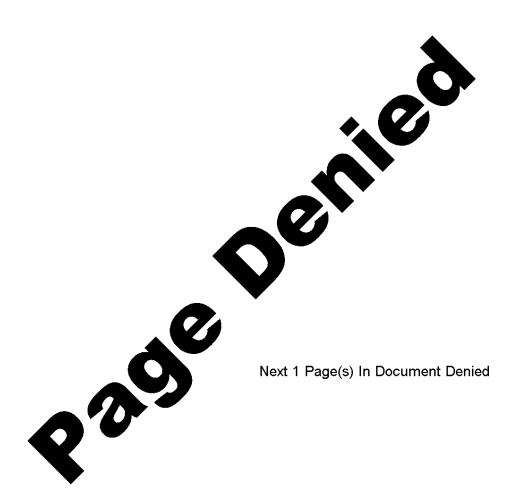
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Management of Information Handling Systems

- 1. The Directorate of Operations does not concur in the publication of subject notice as written. If issued, it will confuse management responsibilities for information systems and unreasonably increase administrative overhead. CIA is in need of a general-planning aide, facilitator, and coordinator in the IHSA. It should not welcome the imposition of bureaucratic burden.
- 2. We cannot agree to a management arrangement which transfers to others approval, control, or priority-setting authorities for our information systems except for those large or otherwise important systems that the EXCOM itself chooses to review. Nor do we agree to the preparation of lengthy, mandatory documents for the IHSA, apart from the papers needed for EXCOM review.
- 3. The IHSA should certainly be cognizant of all systems that are important from the standpoints of Agency planning and coordination. In this way, the IHSA can be very helpful. But the IHSA simply does not require all of the documentation sought. Nor should elaborate procedures and standards be imposed on small projects, thereby driving up their cost and the time needed for their implementation.
 - 4. We object in particular to:

Paragraph 2, last sentence, which, in effect, would give the IHSA authority over hardware and software - confusing ODP and directorate responsibilities.

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REFERENCE:	Memo from Chief, RCD, dated 12 February 1982, same subject	

- 1. The Office of Communications fully supports the Information Handling Systems Architect's (IHSA) staff in its efforts to achieve the goals of an effective Agency architecture and acquisition policy for information handling systems. We believe the subject policy represents a step towards the realization of these goals and offer the following comments concerning its implementation.
- 2. We suggest that the Executive Committee (EXCOM) level of review should be utilized on an exception basis only. On this basis, EXCOM would review those Class I or Class II acquisitions which included significant issues that could not be resolved by the IHSA and the Program Office. Additionally, the EXCOM could review those acquisitions which were nominated as specified in paragraph 3b(1)(c) of the proposed policy. The acceptance of this suggestion would eliminate the need for multiple EXCOM reviews of acquisitions that were proceeding smoothly and enjoying both the approval of the appropriate Directorate and the review of the IHSA.
- 3. As a second consideration, we note that the proposed policy specifies that decision milestones will be reviewed and approved by the appropriate management levels. Consistent with this process and the suggestion noted above, we recommend that the IMSA review function be closely coordinated with that of the Directorate for Class I and Class II systems. Such coordination should minimize the resources necessary to implement the policy and maintain an effective relationship among the Directorate, IHSA and Program Office elements.
- 4. Finally, we recommend that some appropriate consideration be included in the proposed policy to define the status of ongoing programs. For example, this definition could specify the status of ongoing programs in terms of the decision milestones as outlined in

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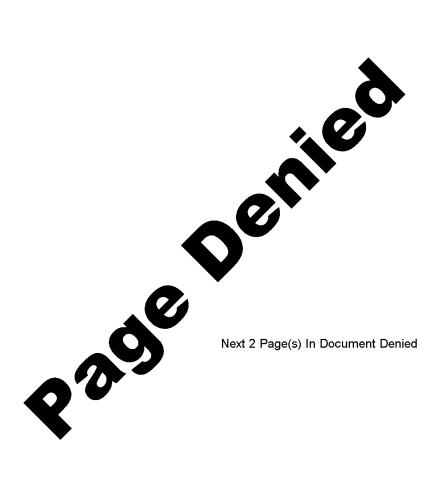
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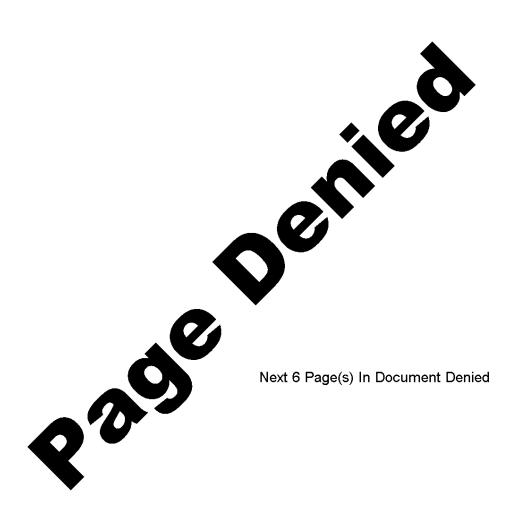
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POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION HANDLING SYSTEMS

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PURPOSE

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2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

These provisions for information handling systems apply to automated or other clearly identifiable processes used for creation, movement, use, storage, retrieval, or dissemination of intelligence and management information. Included are ADP hardware and software systems, communications systems, terminals, word-processing, printers and copiers, image processing, and display systems.

POLICY

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Three milestone decisions are defined for acquisition of major information handling systems.

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At each decision milestone, guidance and direction to the program are documented.

At any point at which a major program deviation in cost or schedule goals of more than 10 percent is estimated, the IHSA will be notified.

4. PROCEDURES

- a. The IHSA shall receive all documentation relevant to systems development for Class I and II information handling systems. Included are such documents as:
 - (1) Functional requirements.
 - (2) Program acquisition plan.

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- (3) Feasibility, analyses, and tradeoff studies.
- (4) System specification.
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- (6) System functional specifications.
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- (9) System test and validation plan.
- (10) Periodic progress reports.

At least six months prior to Milestone 1 or 2 review of Class I and II information handling systems, the program sponsor will notify the IHSA. For Class I information handling systems, the IHSA shall coordinate and schedule an EXCOM review.

b. The IHSA shall appoint a member of the staff to coordinate with the program office concerning preparation for the milestone review. The program office will brief the IHSA office with respect to the program status for Class I and II systems. Questions which the office of the IHSA has with the project will be addressed to the project management. The intent is to resolve all the questions that pertain to such matters as the project formulation, completeness of planning and design, interoperability, conformity with standards, and supportability prior to the milestone review.

Prior to the milestone review, the IHSA shall prepare brief point papers covering any points of concern or disagreement relative to the information system's development. Approximately one week prior to the EXCOM milestone review of Class I systems, the IHSA shall prebrief the EXCOM concerning unresolved issues and concerns. The project management will then brief the EXCOM on the system at the milestone review. The IHSA then shall prepare a decision coordinating paper documenting the EXCOM guidance and direction to the project.

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- Advise on relative priorities of information handling systems.
- d. Focus the issues for EXCOM reviews.
- e. Make an annual report to the EXCOM on the status of information handling systems in the Agency and advise EXCOM on information handling systems decisions.
- f. Be designated the individual for the Agency to assure that architecture is either in compliance with Government-wide standards and procedures or that variations have senior management approval. Included is assuring Agency compliance with Federal Information Processing Standards and granting waivers to these in accordance with delegated authorities and specified procedures.

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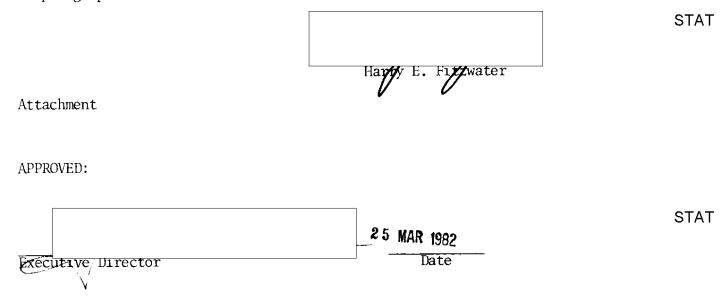
1. The attached proposed notice was approved for publication by the DDCI at the 24 July 1981 Executive Committee meeting. It was not published at that time because of the lack of personnel resources in the Information Handling Systems Architect's (IHSA) staff to fully implement the notice. This problem is still with us since his staff has not been enlarged to the degree necessary to develop the Strategic Plan and also fully carry out the charges contained in the attached. When the Plan is completed, personnel resources will be shifted to assist in the implementation of the notice. However, because of the controversial nature of the notice, I think we would be wise to publish _____ now even though it will be difficult to implement at this time. Because of "turf," there will always be objections to the notice, the Strategic Plan, and the concept of an Information Handling Systems Architect. We need to resolve these issues and this is one we can set aside by publishing the notice now.

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- 2. When the notice was initially circulated for comment in September 1981, the only concern raised was by C/IMS/DO who suggested that the notice might be premature for issuance at this time. Recently when the notice was about to be published the following comments were offered:
 - a. The C/IMS/DO does not concur--believes the notice will confuse management responsibilities and unreasonably increase administrative overhead.
 - b. Procedures and documentation requirements incur too much overhead, particularly for smaller systems (DO, DS&T, and ODP).
 - c. Threshold limits for system classification should be raised (DO, DS&T, and ODP).
 - d. Exclusions were requested for hardware systems, research systems, and embedded systems (DS&T and ODP).

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- 3. I believe there is justification for raising the threshold limits; that to a degree will also alleviate some of the other concerns. With your approval, I will have the notice published with the following limits:
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